



April 13, 2012

EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, April 11, 2012, I met with Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn. We discussed how the *USF/ICC Transformation Order* addresses Phase I CAF additional support for broadband. In particular, we discussed the policies behind the Order's establishment of a requirement for carriers accepting CAF Phase I incremental support to deploy broadband to a number of locations equal to the amount it accepts divided by \$775 and the very substantial benefits of providing additional flexibility to maximize investment of Phase I incremental support in modern broadband facilities in rural areas. We also discussed the Order's treatment of originating intrastate access on IP-TDM calls and the legal basis for Commission action on these charges. Finally, we discussed the importance of raising questions in any rulemaking notice on USF contribution methodologies concerning possible ways to truly expand the base of contributors to USF and to lessen the burden of funding on consumers.

Please include this notice in the docket referenced above.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Banks

c: Angela Kronenberg